

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT EXPLORATION OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has signed any agreement to float a special purpose vehicle for joint exploration of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the investment likely to be made by the State for said joint venture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): Two coal blocks, namely, Machhakata and Mahanadi with approximate coal reserves of 750 million tonnes and located in the State of Orissa were allocated jointly to the Maharashtra Power Generation Corporation Limited (MAHAGENCO) and the Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited (GSECL) in the year 2005. As per the terms of allocation letter, the Maharashtra Power Generation Corporation Limited and the Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited have formed a joint venture company viz the Mahaguj Collieries Limited which would plan for development of these blocks. Coal so extracted would be shared in the ratio of 60% for MAHAGENCO and 40% for GSECL. The Mahaguj Collieries Limited, the Joint Venture Company, would arrange the capital required for development of above blocks.

Two more coal blocks viz Baitarni West and Naini have been allocated recently to the public sector undertakings (PSUs) of the Government of Gujarat jointly with other allocatees as per the details given below and these coal blocks would also be developed by joint venture companies to be formed by the allocatee PSUs:

Name of Blocks Name of allocatees

Baitarni West i) Gujarat Power Corporation Limited.
 ii) Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Limited.
 iii) Kerala State Electricity Board.

Naini i) Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation.
 ii) Pondicherry Industrial Promotion Development
 and Investment Corporation Ltd. (PIPSDCIL)